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FROM RAIC DINIUS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PK
SUBJECT: GFXA-78-8024 OPERATION POKER

1. ON JUNE 1, 1978 RAIC DINIUS AND S/A DEMICCO
MET WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF
REVENUE, RM. M.N. QURESHI AT KARACHI. THE MEETING
WAS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF MR. QURESHI WHO STATED
THAT HE HAD TAKEN LEAVE FROM PRESSING BUDGET HEARINGS
SPECIFICALLY TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT STATUS AND
PROGRESS OF OPERATION POKER.

2. MR. QURESHI AFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION
AND STATED THAT HE NOT ONLY FELT A PROFESSIONAL
BUT A PERSONAL AND MORAL NEED FOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS
POKER WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN THE FORMATION OF
THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT CELL. MR. QURESHI FELT THAT
THE SUCCESSFUL RECORD OF THE D.E.C. TO DATE WAS
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TESTIMONY TO THE EFFORTS OF THE DEA AND THE
U.S.G. IN ASSISTING PAKISTAN CUSTOMS TO BECOME A
MORE VIABLE ORGANIZATION. MR. QURESHI FURTHER STATED
THAT WITH USG TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE
PAKISTAN CUSTOMS COULD BECOME AN EFFECTIVE DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ENTITY.

3. IN CLOSING MR. QURESHI STATED THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT POKER COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER AREAS OF PAKISTAN AND EVENTUALLY THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. MR. QURESHI WAS INFORMED THAT ALTHOUGH THE REACTION TO THE CURRENT PROGRAM BY THE USG WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, CONTINUATION OF OPERATION POKER AND ANY FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM TO OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS AREA WOULD BE HANDLED AT THE MISSION LEVEL IN ISLAMABAD. MR. QURESHI AGREED THAT DEFINITE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE GOP WOULD BE NECESSARY AND AFFIRMED HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH MISSION OFFICIALS.
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